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1. EMBASSY/USAID HAVE RECEIVED VERY LITTLE FEEDBACK ON CEPICIES COUNTRY REVIEWS SINCE PROCESS WAS INAUGURATED IN 1974. IF BRAZIL HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO SUCH REVIEW, WE SO FAR HAVE NOT RECEIVED REGPORT. SIMILARLY, WE HAVE HEARD NO COMMENTS ON COUNTRY REVIEWS AMONG BRAZILIANS WHO DEAL EITHER WITH DEVELOPMENT OR WITH OAS MATTERS.

2. WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE BRAZILIANS, ON OTHER HAND, MAY BE DISSATISFIED WITH PRESENT ARRANGEMENT. CIAP, PRDECESSOR OF CEPICIES, WAS GENERALLY RESPECTED HERE AND ITS COUNTRY REVIEWS WERE WELL RECEIVED. AT THE SAME TIME, BRAZIL HAS FAVORED MAINTENANCE OF STRONG IAECOSOC AND RECENTLY FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA PUBLICLY STRESSED ITS IMPORTANT ROLE IN HEMISPHERIC DEVELOPMENT DURING VISIT HERE OF OAS SCGEN ORFILA.

3. IN SUM, WE BELIEVE BRAZILIANS WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO CONTINUATION OF REVIEW IN PRESENT FORM THOUGH THEY WOULD NOT ASCRIBE TO THEM THE SAME DEGREE OF UTILITY AND IMPOTANCE THAT WOULD THE SMALLER LATIN STATES. IF REVIEWS ARE BEING PERFORMED SATISFACTORILY UNDER IAECOSOC AUSPICES, EMBASSY SEES NOT ADVANTAGE IN ABOLISHING THEM OR MOVING THEM TO ANOTHER

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AGENCY, PARTICULARLY AT A TIME WHEN OAS NEEDS TO BE SEEN AS

PROVIDING CREDITABLE TECHNICAL SERVICE TO MEMBER STATES TO
OFFSET WANING PRESTIGE.
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